

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An information service apparatus for providing information to a terminal connected through a network in accordance with a request sent from the terminal, the information service apparatus comprising:

an operation panel configured to display operation information corresponding to said information service apparatus;

an interface configured to receive a selection of a language used for displaying said operation information on said operation panel;

a language correspondence judgment part configured to judge whether the information can be provided in a language designated by discrimination information contained in the request from said terminal; and

a language determination part configured to determine the language to be used in providing said information, wherein

when said language correspondence judgment part determines that said information in the language designated by said discrimination information cannot be provided, said language determination part acquires language data corresponding to the language selected by the selection received at said interface and currently used for displaying said operation information on said operation panel and selects said acquired language data as language data of said language used for providing said information.

2. (Currently Amended) The information service apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

a discrimination information existence judgment part configured to judge whether said discrimination information is contained in the request from said terminal,

wherein said language determination part acquires the language data corresponding to said language selected by the selection received at said interface and currently used for displaying said operation information on said operation panel and selects said acquired language data as said language data of said language used for providing said information when said discrimination information existence judgment part judges that said discrimination information is not contained in the request from said terminal.

3. (Previously Presented) The information service apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein a plurality of languages are supported as the language used for displaying said operation information on said operation panel so as to use one language previously selected from among the plurality of languages when displaying the operation information on said operation panel.

4. (Previously Presented) The information service apparatus as claimed in claim 3, wherein, when the language designated by the discrimination information contained in the request from said terminal corresponds to none of said plurality of supported languages, said language correspondence judgment part judges that said information cannot be provided in the language designated by said discrimination information.

5. (Original) The information service apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the request from said terminal is a HTTP request, and said discrimination information is a value of an Accept-Language field included in said HTTP request.

6. (Original) The information service apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said information service apparatus is an image processing apparatus.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) An information service system comprising:

a terminal connected to a network; and

an information service apparatus configured to send information to said terminal through said network in accordance with a request sent from said terminal,

wherein said information service apparatus comprises:

an operation panel configured to display operation information corresponding to said information service apparatus;

an interface configured to receive a selection of a language used for displaying the operation information on said operation panel;

language correspondence judgment part configured to judge whether the information can be provided in a language designated by discrimination information contained in the request from said terminal; and

language determination part configured to determine the language to be used in providing said information,

wherein, when said language correspondence judgment part determines that said information in the language designated by said discrimination information cannot be provided, said language determination part acquires language data corresponding to the language selected by the selection received at the interface and currently used for displaying said operation information on said operation panel and selects said acquired language data as language data of said language used for providing said information; and

said terminal displays said information in the language determined by said language determination part.

9. (Currently Amended) An information service method for providing information from an information service apparatus to a terminal connected to said information service apparatus through a network in accordance with a request sent from said terminal, comprising:

receiving, at an interface of the information service apparatus, a selection of a language used for displaying operation information on an operation panel of the information service apparatus;

a language correspondence judgment procedure performed by the information service apparatus of judging whether the information can be provided in a language designated by discrimination information contained in the request from said terminal; and

a language determination procedure performed by the information service apparatus of determining the language to be used in providing said information,

wherein, when said language correspondence judgment procedure determines that said information in the language designated by said discrimination information cannot be provided, said language determination procedure acquires language data corresponding to the language selected by the received selection at the interface of the information service apparatus and currently used for displaying said operation information on said operation panel and selects said acquired language data as language data of said language used for providing said information.

10. (Currently Amended) The information service method as claimed in claim 9, further comprising:

a discrimination information existence judgment procedure of judging whether said discrimination information is contained in the request from said terminal,

wherein said language determination procedure acquires language data corresponding to the language selected by the received selection at the interface of the information service apparatus and currently used for displaying said operation information on said operation panel and selects said acquired language data as language data of said language used for providing said information when said discrimination information existence judgment procedure judges that said discrimination information is not contained in the request from said terminal.

11. (Previously Presented) The information service method as claimed in claim 9, wherein a plurality of languages are supported as the language used for displaying said operation information on said operation panel so as to use one language previously selected from among the plurality of languages when displaying the operation information on said operation panel.

12. (Previously Presented) The information service method as claimed in claim 11, wherein, when the language designated by the discrimination information contained in the request from said terminal corresponds to none of said plurality of supported languages, said language correspondence judgment procedure judges that said information cannot be provided in the language designated by said discrimination information.

13. (Original) The information service method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the request from said terminal is a HTTP request, and said discrimination information is a value of an Accept-Language field included in said HTTP request.

14. (Original) The information service method as claimed in claim 9, wherein said information service apparatus is an image processing apparatus.